

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 167

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Janice Keck of
Williamson County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Janice Keck; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keck was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, she served with acumen and alacrity as the longtime director of the Williamson County Public Library; beginning in 1979, Ms. Keck oversaw the library's growth from a single building to a five-branch community; and

WHEREAS, a pillar of her community, Janice Keck worked tirelessly to bring a variety of free programs to the library branches, including dancing lessons, tax assistance, and free concerts, with the purpose of bridging cultural and economic gaps in the community; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Ms. Keck also graciously donated her time and energies to numerous organizations, including Sister Cities of Franklin & Williamson County and the Williamson County Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, known as an avid supporter of the written word and the arts, Janice Keck was one of the founders of the Williamson County Council for the Written Word, which was founded in 1995 and which, for the last two years, she served as vice president. She also served as the interim president of the Tennessee Writers Alliance; and

WHEREAS, in early February 2011, Ms. Keck was honored at the African-American Heritage Society Black Tie Affair for her support of the organization and its program, specifically the initiation and sponsorship of the Pioneer Family program since 1997; and

WHEREAS, Janice Keck was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she is survived by her daughter, Julia Keck Price, her mother, two sisters, her nephews, and a host of other loved ones, friends, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Keck leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Janice Keck, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Ms. Keck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.